

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-5, and add new claims 9 and 10, as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A process for improving the printability of paper and paper products ~~when printing with the aid of the ink-jet printing method~~ by enhancing the water resistance of ink-jet printed images, wherein said process comprises treating the paper or the paper products with aqueous solutions of cationic polymers, wherein cationic polymers comprising vinylamine units and having a charge density of at least 3 meq/g are used as the sole treatment composition in aqueous solution and said composition is applied in an amount ~~of~~ from 0.05 to 5 g/m² to the surface of the paper or the surface of the paper product.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the charge density of the ~~polycation in the polymer~~ cationic polymers comprising vinylamine units is from 3.5 to 23 meq/g.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the charge density of the ~~polycation in the polymer~~ cationic polymers comprising vinylamine units is from 8 to 20 meq/g.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the ~~polycation of the polymer~~ cationic polymers comprising vinylamine units ~~has~~ have a molar mass M_w of at least ~~10,000~~ 10,000.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein the polymers comprising vinylamine units used are hydrolyzed homo- or copolymers of N-vinylformamide having a degree of hydrolysis ~~of~~ from 20 to 100%.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution of the polymers comprising vinylamine units is applied to the paper with the aid of a size press, a film press, a spraying means, a coating unit or a paper calender.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) A paper which is obtained by the process according to claim 1.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (New) The paper according to claim 7, wherein said paper is an ink-jet printing paper.

Claim 10 (New) A paper product which is obtained by the process according to claim 1.